

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

March 19, 2024
Conference Room #119
6:30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners: Betsy Artz, Maurice Groce, David Moore II, Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Staff present: Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Finance Director Keyla Garcia, DPW Director Chad Griffin, City Assessor Andy Johnson, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, City Treasurer Laurie Sheldon, City Attorney Jeff Sluggett, and Sabo Representatives Cayla Smith and Lisa Taylor

MAYOR'S OFFICE:

A. WKTV FUNDING DISCUSSION.

Deputy City Administrator Gallagher reviewed his memorandum dated March 19, 2024 based on a discussion with the WKTV Director Ken Norton wanting the City to fund an additional \$48,000 each year for the next three years to recruit and hire a business development professional to aid in fundraising because of the continued decrease in franchise fees. The committee had many questions they would like answered. Those included but not limited to, what are their fundraising goals, what is the trend on streaming, what are their projects for the future, what are they doing currently for fundraising, how are they going to gain viewership for the next generation and what are their major costs and projects. Staff spoke about where the funding would come from.

UPCOMING BUDGET PROCESS.

Finance Director Garcia informed the committee that the state had made mandatory changes to the accounts the city uses for all departments and those changes will be noted in the budget when the Commission reviews the budget on April 18th. She provided a few examples and noted at the next commission meeting they will receive a summary of the proposed budget, with all the detail at the second April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Stephen C.N. Kepley
Mayor